

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment. No new matter is added

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-2 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Rowlands (U.S. Patent No. 6,071,077); and Claims 3-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Rowlands. Claim 8 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 12-18 were allowed as indicated in the Interview Summary dated January 24, 2006.

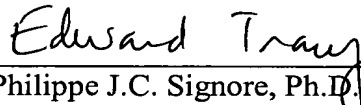
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 12-18 and the indication that Claim 8 includes allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-11 are canceled herewith, making the present rejections moot.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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